

April 8, 1999

TO: Members of the MAG Intelligent Transportation System Committee

FROM: Steve Hogan, City of Scottsdale, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, April 14, 1999 - 10:30 a.m.  
MAG Office Building, Suite 200, Ocotillo Room  
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

The next meeting of the MAG Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Committee will be held at the time and place noted above. For members traveling by car, parking is available directly beneath the building and tickets will be validated by the receptionist on the third floor. For those using transit the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycles in the bike rack in the garage. If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact Sarath Joshua at 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

<u>TENTATIVE AGENDA</u>		<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1.	<u>Call to Order</u>	
2.	<u>Approval of the March 17, 1999 Meeting Minutes</u>	2. Review and approve the March 17, 1999 meeting minutes.
3.	<u>Call to Audience</u>	3. For information.
An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the ITS Committee. Citizens will be requested to not exceed a three minute period for their comments.		

4. ITS Rating System Refinements

At the last committee meeting a decision was made to refer further refinements to the ITS Rating System to the subcommittee established for this purpose. The subcommittee met on March 24, 1999, and developed a number of modifications to the rating system. Attachment One depicts the modified ITS Rating System. MAG staff will provide an overview of this system.

5. AZTech Project Update

Pierre Pretorius will brief the members on the AZTech project activities.

6. Progress on the RFP on ITS Strategic Plan Update

At the March 24, 1999, Regional Council meeting an amendment to the 1999-2003 TIP and the FY 1999 MAG Unified Planning Work Program was approved. This amendment included the ITS Strategic Plan Update. The scope of work for this project has been finalized. The committee will be briefed by MAG staff on the status of this project and its likely impact on ITS committee and member schedules over the 12 month project duration.

7. Ramp Metering and HOV Bypass

The MAG HOV system plan includes HOV bypass ramps at 99 ramp meters. Both ramp meters and HOV facilities reflect the fact that we cannot build facilities large enough to accommodate all traffic demands. Therefore, ramp meters are needed to manage traffic flow and HOV facilities are needed to reduce traffic demands. Ramp meters are being

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7. For information, discussion and recommendations on HOV bypass at metered ramps.

deployed and interchanges are being reconstructed. However, because of the high traffic demand in some locations, HOV bypass ramps are not being implemented by ADOT in favor of dual SOV ramp lanes. Under TEA-21 Metropolitan Planning Agencies (MPOs) have been encouraged to more fully address operation and management issues of the regional transportation system. Policy direction on bypass ramps for HOV facilities needs to be addressed. The committee will discuss this issue and recommend action. Attachment Two depicts the current MAG policy on HOV bypass lanes and the MAG HOV system plan. This policy was also adopted by the RPTA Board and the State Transportation Board.

8. Status Reports by Committee Members of ITS Activities

Members of the Committee will be requested to report on related ITS activities in their area.

9. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 19, 1999.

10. Adjournment

8. For information and discussion.

9. For information.